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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Procurement and Property Management; Notice of Intent To Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Procurement and Property Management, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Comment should be received on or before April 15, 1997.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Denise Patterson, USDA, Room 1520-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Linda W. Oliphant, (202) 720-3141, USDA, Room 1522-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Department of Agriculture Guidelines for the Donation of Excess Research Equipment under 15 U.S.C. 3710(i).

OMB Number: 0505-0019.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1997.

Type of Request: Intent to extend currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This action is necessary to obtain approval for use of the forms beyond the current expiration date. The collection of this information will substantiate that property donations are based on need, usability and related to

agricultural sponsored education and research activities. In addition, the information enables the Department of Agriculture to comply with the requirement to report all donations of excess research equipment under the Stevenson-Wydler Innovation Technology Act (Public Law 102-245), U.S.C. 3710(i).

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit Institutions and State, local or Tribal Organizations.

Estimated number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimate, Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 100 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda W. Oliphant, (202) 720-3141.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Director, Procurement and Property Management.

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Forest Service

Clean Slate Ecosystem Management Project; Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the environmental effects of applying ecosystem management techniques across the landscape in Main Slate and North Fork Slate Creek drainages. The area is located approximately 19 air miles south of Grangeville, Idaho. Some activities are planned within the North Fork Slate Creek (#1850) Roadless Area. This EIS will tier to the Nez Perce National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and EIS, which provide overall guidance for achieving the desired forest condition of the area. The purpose of the proposed action is to improve overall vegetative conditions and diversity, restore impacted aquatic resources, and provide goods and services to the public.

DATES: Written comments and suggestions should be received by April 7, 1997 to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions on the proposed action, requests for a map of the proposed action, or requests to be placed on the project mailing list to Jack Carlson, District Ranger, Salmon River Ranger District, HC 01, Box 70, White Bird, Idaho 83554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike McGee, Planner, Salmon River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest, HC 01, Box 70, White Bird, Idaho 83554, Phone (208) 839-2211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following activities are proposed in the Main Slate and North Fork Slate Creek drainages to: Treat approximately 1,100 acres through the use of helicopter, tractor, and cable logging systems, which will produce approximately 8 million board feet (MMBF) of timber; introduce fire for the treatment of both activity generated and natural fuels; use precommercial thinning of saplings and small poles; provide commercial post and pole material; improve watershed conditions by implementing actions such as cutslope revegetation, ditch rocking, culvert replacement, improvement of road drainage and surfacing, partial or complete obliteration on many sections of road, and improvement of the trail system; implement wildlife habitat improvements; implement practices to manage undesirable exotic vegetation; modify existing fish habitat structures in